

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

September 2, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Dagley, Garrick, Knowles, Tyler, Dahman, Lee-Goodman, Malik, MacDonell

Absent: Johnson

Late: Malik

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Sgt. Winks

II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley

Chair Dagley welcomed all present.

III. Public Comments: None

The Chair asked for a motion to move up Agenda Item VIII.1 regarding the Bullying Prevention banner due to members of the public that were present.

Motion to approve moving agenda item VIII. 1 regarding the Bullying Prevention Banner, between agenda item VI.1 and VI. 2. Moved: Knowles; Seconded: MacDonell. Yes (7); No (0); Absent (2) Johnson, Malik. Motion passed.

IV. Special Reports/Presentations:

Lorena Ortega, chair of the International Day of Peace at Golden West College, presented information on the planning of events to coincide with the Compassion Games in Huntington Beach. There will be a Peace Pole erected on campus from 9/11/14 through 9/20/14. Students will be encouraged to participate in the Compassion Games culminating in two celebrations on campus. The first, on 9/21/14, the International Day of Peace, will have dialogue centered on finding new ways to inspire others to build a culture of peace within their own communities as well as informational tables for community organizations to distribute materials. The second will occur on 9/22/14 between 7 - 9 pm and includes the screening of the documentary event *Girl Rising*, a film about girls surviving various types of abuse. A discussion period will follow. Various groups with volunteer opportunities for the community will be attending the event, also.

V. Approve Minutes:

Motion to approve August 5, 2014 minutes, as corrected. Moved: Dahman; Seconded: Knowles Yes: (7); No: (0); Abstained (1) Garrick; Absent (1) Johnson. Motion passed.

VI. Status Reports:

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Sgt. Winks reported that of the incidents reported last month, only one is still under investigation. The July 4, 2014 incident involving the landlord visiting his rental property and being spat upon and having hateful things said to him from the neighboring property. A new hate incident is being reviewed from this month. During a landlord- tenant dispute, some racially derogatory comments were made from the landlord to the tenant. It is still very unclear what actually happened, so further information will be shared next month.

Item VIII. 1 - Follow-up on Bullying Prevention Banner

Debra Reisdorph, of BARE, has facilitated the donation of a bullying prevention banner to be sponsored by HRTF, BARE and the City of Huntington Beach. This banner will be displayed across Main Street at Lake Street. It was decided that the banner will say *Bullying Prevention Month* across the top and will have the text *Be a Friend* under that, along with the logos of the sponsoring bodies. The banner will be made of a sturdy fabric so that it can be used for years to come. It will be printed on both sides, will have orange lettering and be displayed for 6 weeks. BARE insurance will cover the banner.

3. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities: CC is dark in August. Next meeting is on 10/6/14.

4. OC Human Relations News/Activities: No report.

5. HB Reads 2014 News/ Activities:

The book has been selected, but has not been announced yet.

6. HRTF Donation Account Balance:

Kuhnke reported the balance at \$1,872.87

VII. Updates, Planning, and Possible Motions pertaining to the following events/programs:

1. Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee: No report.
2. Report form AD Hoc Museum of Tolerance Trip (MOT) Committee:
Lee-Goodman reported that there will be an invitation to additional schools to attend MOT this coming school year. For schools with more limited available time, there is a travelling exhibit at the Tustin Library. Garrick reported that he plans to involve the HRTF student representatives in raising awareness of the importance of students attending the MOT. Garrick received letters from students that had attended MOT, stating what they learned and the impact of that MOT visit on their lives. He will forward them to Kuhnke, who will send them to the rest of HRTF members. Dagley reiterated that Police Chief Handy had available asset forfeiture funds that can be used to finance these trips.
3. Student Representative Programs
Garrick reported that he and Johnson will meet with several of last year's student representatives at the library on 9/6/14 at 11:00am to begin planning the coming years' activities. The first student representative meeting will be on Thursday, 9/25/14 at Huntington Beach High School.
4. Report from Charter on Compassion Committee
Tyler reported on some of the activities planned by committee members. HRTF members agreed to donate winter clothing, food staples and toiletries to Beach Cities Interfaith Services. If individuals cannot deliver their donations, Tyler will pick them up and deliver them between 9/11/14 and 9/21/14.

VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:

1. Follow-up activities regarding possible Bullying Prevention Banner: Moved up per approved motion.
2. Discussion of social media options
Lee-Goodman reported that currently the HRTF is seldom using social media. Kuhnke reported that the City Administration is preparing guidelines for all city-sponsored commissions and agencies. Dagley agreed that HRTF will await the guidelines before pursuing any further social media output. Individuals may post whatever they wish on personal social media.
3. Follow-up on activities regarding the request from OC Human Relations to host their traveling community exhibit entitled "Orange County Civil Rights: A History of an Enduring Struggle for Equality"
Malik reported that the City of Huntington Beach will host the exhibit on the second floor, City Clerk's Office from 9/16/14 through 9/30/14. There was a need to change the location from the Lower Level of City Hall to the City Clerk's Office due to construction activities. Malik also reported that in case of damage, the exhibit is covered by insurance.

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

Dagley agreed to attend the International Day of Peace celebration on 9/22/14 and represent HRTF.
Dagley thanked Debra Reisdorph for all of her work in coordinating the anti-bullying banner.
Kuhnke reported that the Mayor Harper will announce National Hispanic Month from 9/15 through 10/15 at the September 15, 2014 City Council meeting.

Adjournment at 8:35 pm to: October 7, 2014, Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 p.m.